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Dear Konrad

**RE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST**

This letter is in response to your request for information from Upper Hutt City Council (the "Council") received on 16 May 2019 under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the "Act").

I note that you requested the following information from Council:

*Two reports for tree cutting on McCleod Street for June 2019, being*

- a) the Internal UHCC report*
- b) from TreeScape Ltd.*

The trees have been identified by TreeScape Ltd as posing potential risk to the power network. This has been verbally confirmed by Wellington Electricity, and official risk notices are being written by them, following the standard legal practices for such matters. Once we have these documents I can forward them through to you.

The risk notices from Wellington Electricity that Council have not yet received, support the decision to eliminate potential risk to peoples, property and power network, by removing the identified trees. There is no internal Council report written for this exercise, therefore, we are unable to provide you with any information under Section 17(e) of the Act.

Please find attached recently released information regarding the McLeod Street elms. This information was in response to an OIA, and listed every incident reported to Council about the trees. It gives a complete picture of the issues Council must take into consideration with respect to maintenance of the trees and mitigation of risk.

I believe that this satisfies your request for information, however if you have any further queries please contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with my response, you are entitled to request that the Ombudsmen review it under Section 27 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Yours faithfully



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